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1. (Twice Amended) A method of making paperboard cartons with selectively reinforced panels, said method comprising the steps of:

B1 (a) advancing a web of paperboard along a path, the web of paperboard having a width and longitudinally extending panel portions that will become panels separated by fold lines in completed paperboard cartons;

(b) progressively applying and adhering at least one ribbon of reinforcing material to the advancing web of paperboard, the ribbon having a width less than the width of the web of paperboard and being positioned to overlies a selected panel portion of the web;

(c) cutting the web of paperboard to form carton blanks having panels; and

(d) forming the carton blanks into cartons for receiving articles, the ribbon of reinforcing material reinforcing at least one panel of the cartons.

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B2 4. (Amended) A method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 1 and wherein step (b) comprises applying a plurality of ribbons of reinforcing material to the

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advancing web of paperboard, each of the ribbons of reinforcing material being positioned to overlies a selected panel portion of the web.

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5. (Twice Amended) A method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 4 and wherein the web of paperboard has panel portions extending along opposed edge portions and wherein at least one of the plurality of ribbons of reinforcing material is positioned to overlies a panel portion extending along an opposed edge portion of the web of paperboard.

6. (Twice Amended) A method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 4 and wherein step (b) further comprises applying and adhering a first ribbon of reinforcing material to said web of paperboard overlying a panel portion thereof and applying and adhering a second ribbon of reinforcing material atop the first ribbon of reinforcing material to form a double thickness of reinforcing material overlying the panel portion of the web.

7. (Twice Amended) A method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 4 and wherein the web of paperboard has opposed edges and a panel portion intermediate the opposed edges, and wherein at least one of the ribbons of reinforcing

23 material is positioned to overlie the panel portion intermediate the opposed edges of the web.

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24 11. (Amended) A method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 1 and further comprising the step of scoring fold lines between panel portions of the web of paperboard along which the carton blanks are folded in step (d) to form cartons.

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25 25. (Twice Amended) A method of making paperboard carton blanks comprising the steps of:

(a) advancing a web of paperboard along a path, the web of paperboard having a width and longitudinally extending panel portions that will become panels separated by fold lines in completed carton blanks;

(b) laminating a ribbon of reinforcing material to the advancing web of paperboard, the ribbon having a width less than the width of the web of paperboard and being positioned within a longitudinally extending panel portion of the web of paperboard; and

(c) cutting the web of paperboard and laminated ribbon across their length into carton blanks having panels, the laminated ribbon reinforcing at least one panel of each of the carton blanks.

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30. (Twice Amended) A method of making paperboard carton blanks as claimed in claim 25 and wherein step (b) comprises laminating more than one ribbon of reinforcing material to the advancing web of paperboard, each ribbon having a width less than the width of the web of paperboard and being positioned within corresponding longitudinally extending panel portions of the web of paperboard to provide reinforcement in selected panels of the blank.

31. (Twice Amended) A method of making paperboard carton blanks as claimed in claim 30 and wherein panel portions extend along opposed edges of the paperboard web and wherein at least one of the ribbons of reinforcing material is positioned within a panel portion along an edge of the web of paperboard.

32. (Twice Amended) A method of making paperboard carton blanks as claimed in claim 30 and wherein the web of paperboard has opposed edges wherein a panel portion extends along the web intermediate the opposed edges, at least one of the ribbons of reinforcing material being applied within the panel portion intermediate the edges of the web of paperboard.

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33. (Twice Amended) A method of making paperboard carton blanks as claimed in claim 30 and wherein at least one of the ribbons of reinforcing material is applied atop another one of the ribbons of reinforcing material within the panel portion to form multiple layers of reinforcing material within the panel portion of said web of paperboard.

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COMMENTS

Withdrawal of the final rejection in paper no. 11 is acknowledged.

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-16 and 25-34 were pending. Claim 8 has now been cancelled. Thus, claims 1-7, 9-16, and 25-34 remain pending. These claims have been amended and are believed to be allowable over the art, as detailed below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, 11-13, 16, 25, 29-32, and 34 have initially been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Campbell et al. (US 1,600,396). Claim 8 has been cancelled. All of the other claims have been amended and are now allowable over Campbell et al. in view of the following discussion.